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1. SUMMARY: LITTLE IS FIRM ABOUT THE PYKA VISIT EXCEPT THAT HE WANTS VERY MUCH TO GO. A VISIT UNDER IVP AUSPICES PRESENTS SOME DIFFICULT PROGRAMMING PROBLEMS, BUT WE BELIEVE THEY ARE MANAGEABLE. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS PROMISED TO CLARIFY THE MAJOR DOUBTFUL POINTS SOON. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI, AND VICE PREMIER PYKA'S OFFICE, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VICE PREMIER IS EAGER TO VISIT THE US AND THAT HE HAS HIS GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT THE VICE PREMIER'S OFFICE WOULD PREFER THAT THE TRIP TAKE PLACE IN LATE MAY.

3. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS PROMISED TO INFORM US SOON ABOUT THE GOP'S PREFERRED TIMING FOR THE VISIT AND ITS DECISION AS TO THE EXACT
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CHARACTER IT SHOULD HAVE. ON THIS SECOND POINT, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS TO DECIDE HOW MUCH COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY PYKA WILL ENGAGE IN AND WHETHER THE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION DURING HIS OFFICIAL CALLS IN WASHINGTON SHOULD BE LIMITED TO HIS AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE GOP OR WHETHER THEY SHOULD COVER ALL THE MAJOR ECONOMIC, AND PERHAPS EVEN THE POLITICALBN ASPECTS OF

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US-POLISH RELATIONS.

4. WHEN THE GOP HAS INFORMED US OF ITS DECISIONS ON THESE MATTERS, WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE VISIT. MEANWHILE, OUR CURRENT THINKING IS AS FOLLOWS.

A) US BUSINESS FIRMS ARE LIKELY TO PLAY LARGE ROLES IN HOSTING AND TRANSPORTING THE VICE PREMIER AND HIS PARTY AROUND THE US. THE FIRMS WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BEING INVOLVED INCLUDE: ARTHUR ANDERSON, GENERAL FOODS, IBM, SEARS, AND ARTHUR MCKEE. IF THEY WERE MADE AWARE OF THE VISIT, WE BELIEVE THAT SOME OTHER US FIRMS, SUCH AS GM, BOEING, MCDONNEL-DOUBLAS, AND PULLMAN, MIGHT LIKE TO BE INVOLVED AS WELL.

B) WE HAVE INFORMED POLISH OFFICIALS OF THE LIMITATIONS OF THE IVP PROGRAM. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT TRANSPORTATION AND PER-DIEM PAYMENTS WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE VICE PREMIER AND, AT MOST, ONE AIDE, AND THAT THE IVP PROGRAM DOES NOT OFFER THE EQUIVALENT OF A STATE VISIT.

C) GOP OFFICIALS ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO USG EQUIVALENT TO THE VICE PREMIER AND THAT THERE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE NO OFFICIAL USG HOST. AS THINGS NOW STAND, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VICE PREMIER BE RECEIVED ON HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON BY AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AND THAT CALLS BE ARRANGED FOR HIM ON THE USG OFFICIALS BEST ABLE TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF INTEREST TO HIM. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF HIS VISIT WOULD LAST NO LONGER THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS. WE THINK THAT A COURTESY CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AS THE HIGH POINT OF THE WASHINGTON SEGMENT.

D) WE BELIEVE THAT, IN VIEW OF HIS PERSONAL RELATION-SHIP WITH PYKA, MITCHELL KOBELINSKI COULD PLAY A USEFUL FOLE IN ESCORTING THE VICE PREMIER ON THE PORTION OF HIS VISIT OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON.

5. WHEN WE HAVE HEARD FURTHER FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WE WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
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